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No injuries were reported during this fire in Snow Hill Tuesday. Hundreds of residents were without electricity for a few hours after the fire in an overhead wire.

Fire in overhead wire causes power outage in Snow Hill

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Sept. 13, 2013) Hundreds of Snow Hill residents were without electricity for a few hours Tuesday after a fire in an overhead wire caused a power outage.

A worker with East Coast Under-

ground, which occasionally does contract work for Delmarva Power, was doing some line work for that company to provide reliability improvements near the intersection of Federal and Washington streets when a boom of the truck

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Berlin fire company funding partially reinstated by town

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JOHN STERN

Certified public accountant with the

Salisbury firm PKS & Company

Council unanimously agrees to transfer \$200k from contingency fund

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN-Voting before an overflow crowd, the Town Council on Monday unanimously agreed to transfer \$200,000 from the contingency fund and immediately allocate it to the Berlin Fire Company. The move will partially meet the fire company's fiscal year 2014 budget request.

Mayor Gee Williams described the

vote as an attempt to re-establish its relationship with the fire company by reinstating the funding process that had been suspended months ago. "We've come a long way," he said.

It did not, however, go all

the way in satisfying the company's requests. In an Aug. 25 letter to the mayor and council, fire company officials asked for \$567,000 for firefighting and emergency medical services for budget year 2013-2014 and another \$567,000 to cover the contribution the town had planned to give the company last year but withheld.

How the company will respond to the town's reduced contribution will be the subject of meetings among fire com-

In July 2012, town officials halted

funding the fire company in response to what officials said was the fire company's refusal to work with them to resolve complaints of harassment within the ranks of the company's firefighters and paramedics.

Moreover, the town officials later requested an accounting of the fire company's finances as a condition of releasing the contributions they had blocked by placing them in the contingency fund. When fire company leaders resisted the accounting disclosure request, more than half the money that had been set aside for the fire company was used to pay for the town's new stormwater management utility, leaving

\$239,000 maining in the contingency fund.

Monday's session was punctuated by spirited debate that included paramedic Jeff Dean being gaveled down after his comments were

deemed not germane to the specific issue of the town's and fire company's financial relationship. Dean, who has a harassment complaint against the fire company pending with the state and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was jeered by company supporters as he was told that his statement was off topic.

John Stern, a certified public accountant with the Salisbury firm PKS &Company, presented the results of an independent review of the fire company's financial records. Over the past

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Paramedic addresses council on fire company funding

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—A former paramedic who has filed claims of harassment and retaliatory discrimination against the Berlin Fire Company attempted to air his grievances Monday night during the Town Council discussion on whether or how to restart the financial relationship between the town and the fire company.

Jeff Dean, of Salisbury, was told by Mayor Gee Williams, however, that his comments were off topic, while a crowd of fire company members and supporters were simultaneously trying to shout him down.

Dean attempted to discourage the council from reinstating the town's annual contribution to the volunteer fire company and emergency medical services provider. The contribution that was due for the 2012-2013 fiscal year was suspended last November because of the town's dissatisfaction with the fire company's response to harassment charges made by Dean and another former paramedic, Zachary Tyndall of Berlin.

On Aug. 27, Tyndall filed an \$8 million civil rights lawsuit after receiving a

so-called right to sue letter issued after the closure of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's investigation of claims of harassment he filed earlier in the year.

Dean has also filed an EEOC claim, alleging that he was similarly harassed and shunned by fire company members when he attempted to stand up for his work partner and others, who he said in the claim were the targets for an assortment of racial-, gender- and sexual orientation-based abuse.

During the meeting, Dean attempted to use the public comment period to

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point out that he and others had presented their allegations to town officials and that an ultimatum made by the town had not been met by the fire company. He said he had attempted to express his protests to town officials in private, but had been ignored.

Dean told the council, "You, the Berlin Town leadership, corroborated our claims through your own investigations." He also accused town officials of removing the protection of town employment from the claimants during the time of their harassment. "You fired us

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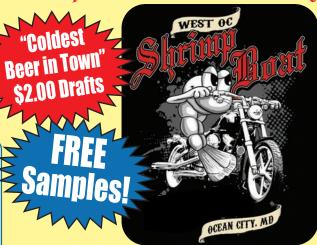
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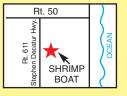
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More than 1,300 customers without power due to fire

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"That caused an arc flash, like a flash of fire, that compromised the hydraulic hose on the truck, which caused hydraulic oil to ignite," Likovich said.

"The truck burned and the overhead wire caught on fire and that caused the power outage," Likovich said.

The worker in the truck was not injured. An ambulance went to the site, but did not transport him to a hospital.

As a result of the fire, 1,308 customers in that Snow Hill area were without power following the 12:31 p.m. incident.

"I saw a big fire and now we're sitting here in the dark," said Kim Moses, the county's public information officer who was at work in the Worcester County Government Center before power was restored at 3:53 p.m.

Some customers had power restored earlier. According to Likovich, power was restored to 543 customers at 2:09 p.m.

During the power outage, the county's public schools in Snow Hill continued to operate on their regular schedule while school officials monitored the situation.





Paramedic told by council to stick to fire co. funding topic

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to reduce your liability and handed us back to them," he said.

After being asked to stick to the topic of funding, Dean attempted to resume by stating, "The Berlin Fire Company spent \$4,000 on chrome wheels for a fire chief's truck. They spent \$16,000 to get a bulldog hand-painted on their tanker truck." According to Dean, "They're not giving you the numbers because they don't want you to know how they are spending the money."

Dean's comments led the large crowd to whip into an uproar and led fire company attorney Joseph Moore to interject that Dean's comments were not germane to the discussion, which both the town and the fire company had agreed would remain on the topic of the funding arrangement.

Earlier during the meeting, Councilmember Lisa Hall, who has personal ties to the fire company, told the company representatives that she was not proud of how the situation had degraded over the past year and a half. "I'm not proud of how the mayor and council and the Berlin Fire Company has let this roll to this level," she said. "Unfortunately, all of this has brought a lot of light on the Berlin Fire Company," she said.

According Hall, a significant number of town residents have contacted her to voice their concerns over the allegations that have been made, but have been reluctant to voice those concerns out of fear of some form of retaliation from fire company members. "I've got emails and phone calls and the people in this town are appalled that situations that have been reported have been going on," she said. They're afraid that if they say anything nobody is going to come to their house," if they have to call 911, she added. "People are worried about what's going on," she said.

Conversely, an unidentified woman in the audience, who said she was a tax-payer but not a member of the fire company, expressed dissatisfaction with the council's decision to reinstate funding to the fire company at a lower rate of \$200,000 rather than the \$537,000 that was requested for FY 2012-2013.

After being told by Williams those allocations to the fire company could not be assigned by a public referendum, the woman told the council, "Well, then give the damn money back," to applause from many of the audience members.

In a written statement, Dean said, "The Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems corroborated Continued on Page 6

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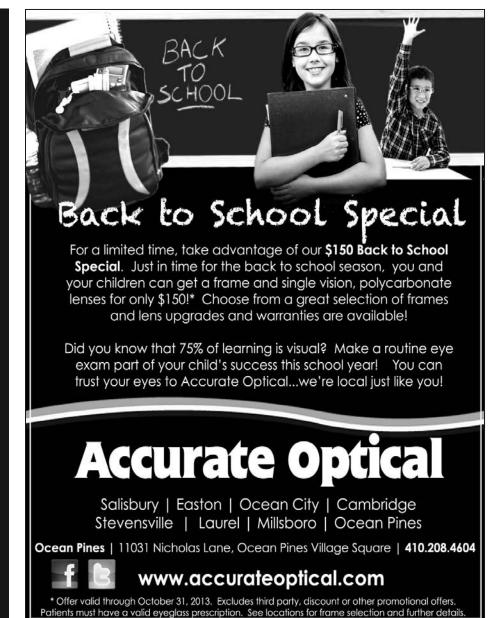
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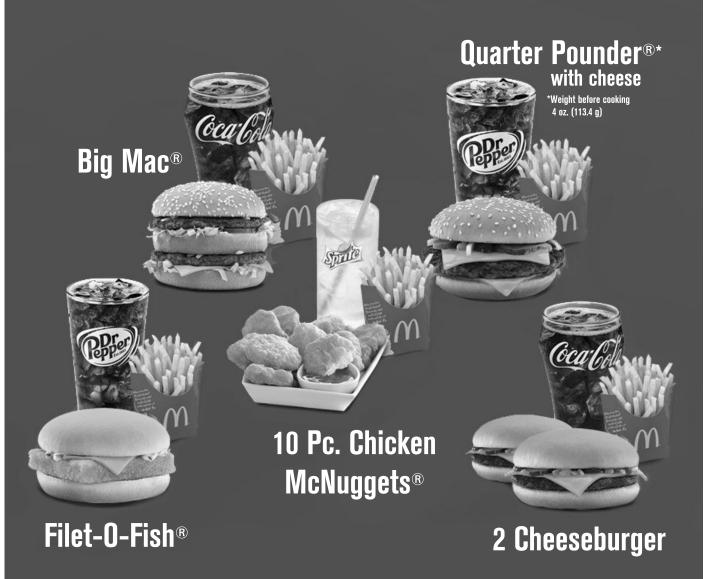


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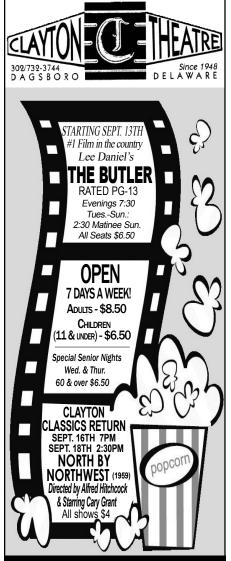
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our claims in an investigation that involved nearly 50 witnesses. After that investigation MIEMSS urged you to intervene, up to and including creating your own EMS department, and offered you assistance in making that transition. But you refused their help and instead railed against them for passing the buck."

Also in the statement Dean wrote, "You cannot claim ignorance." He said, "You have the money, through Casino revenues, to fund your own department. Most other Maryland towns and counties provide their own EMS service and stand ready to assist. You also have the promise of assistance from MIEMSS in making an efficient transition. You simply lack the will.

"When you defunded the fire company you gave it ultimatums, including a list of individuals who had to leave the fire company before you would return funding. None of those people have left and, in fact, they have rehired the man you yourselves terminated," Dean wrote.

As the discussion over funding concluded, the crowd spilled out into the hallway with several women shouting "Remember election time!"



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Session posted on OPA site

OCEAN PINES-The mystery of the two-day meeting of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors was solved early this week, after notice of the out-oftown session was posted on the association's Web site.

The meetings, which are being described as orientation for new board members, were scheduled without any public notice, prompting suspicion among some that the public was intentionally being left out of the loop.

Apparently not, as the Web site notice listed the time the meetings will begin — 9 a.m. on Thursday and Friday — and the place, the Ocean City Hilton.

According to the notice, the orientation sessions will entail board members hearing from a number of speakers.

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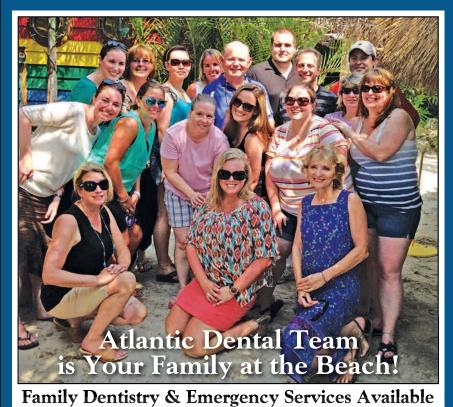
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More transparency sought by town for future funding

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five years the company has been operating on a cash basis, he said, with annual revenues averaging \$1.7 million and annual expenses \$1.1 million.

He described the company's financial position as "very strong" and "positive," with the slight exception of 2011, when its cash and savings dropped because of its purchase of a \$700,000 tract of land. Stern said the fire company maintained an unrestricted reserve fund that as of 2012 totaled nearly \$2.25 million.

"The Berlin Fire Company has a very sound financial position, especially compared to other fire companies," he said.

In his presentation, Stern listed eight funds in the fire company's overall reserve account, including a Fire Emergency Building and Apparatus Repair Reserve Fund (\$200,000); a Fire Building Capital Replacement Reserve Fund (\$180,000); a Fire Apparatus Capital Replacement Fund (\$200,000); a Fire Stabilization Operations Reserve Fund (\$100,000); an EMS Emergency Building and Apparatus Repair Reserve Fund (\$100,000); an EMS Ambulance Capital Replacement Reserve Fund (465,000); an EMS Building Capital Reserve Fund (\$503,000); and an EMS Salary Contingency Reserve Fund (\$500,000); for a total of \$2,248,000.

Williams said in the future the town would require more accountability. Moving forward, he said the town would want a better understanding of Berlin's share of the fire company's funding needs. The county's contributions may have to be included as well, he said.

"Transparency is a good thing, but it has not always been there," he said.

He also said there was no good rea-

son why it should have taken six months for the fire company to respond to the town's request for financial information.

Williams said the review showed the fire company was "certainly not impoverished nor on the brink of insolvency," and that town officials wanted to make informed decisions. He said it was time to sit down, bite the bullet and set priorities. On behalf of the town, he offered to pay for an audit of the fire company "to see how we should address funding increases."

According to the Aug. 25 letter, fire company representatives stated, "The current financial situation caused by the Mayor and Council's defunding of the fire company and emergency medical services effective July 1, 2012 has left the fire company unable to continue to perform safely, effectively, and efficiently its fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the residents of the Town of Berlin. Of paramount importance are the safety of our volunteer members and the protection of the community. We have recently experienced several mechanical truck failures; the most serious a brake failure on a fire engine responding to the scene. Additionally, volunteer members do not have the appropriate personal protective gear and are concerned of their safety while entering dangerous situations. These are only two of many operational issues the defunding has caused. Additionally, the fire company is unable to plan its future public safety and business operations due to the uncertainty of the financial support from the Town of Berlin.'

Council Vice President Elroy Brittingham asked Stern if it was possible to discern how much of the town's contributions were used for services in or outside the town limits. Stern said it





Purnell suggests Berlin Fire Company reconsider priorities

was impractical to make such a determination.

Councilmember Troy Purnell raised the issue of the fire company's decision in 2010 to purchase land on Route 50 adjacent to its Station #3 building, which he indicated was outside the town boundaries.

Fire Company President David Fitzgerald told the council the funds used to pay for the land and to build the new building were coming from fundraising. On the matter of whether the town's annual contributions benefited residents within or outside the town's boundaries, he said, "We are all one Berlin Fire Company." Company representatives, "do our best because we want to be financially responsible," including being financially prudent when it came to making large purchases, but that it would be hard to separate out some items, he said, which was the point that Stern had later confirmed for Brittingham.

Williams, however, advised that the fire company should consider readjusting its expectations to bring it more in line with the "realistics of today" versus what was expected three or four years ago.

Purnell suggested the company may want to rethink plans to develop a \$700,000 tract of land for a future building, that would sit next to land the company currently leases. He suggested that if the fire company's financial position was as dire as stated to the mayor and council, the company should curtail its building project.

If there is a safety issue for the fire company's volunteer members or paid personnel, Purnell said, the company should be taking care of that financially rather than spending on a building project or maintaining its reserve fund.

He said the fire company might need to reevaluate its priorities, perhaps by redirecting some reserve funds for safety equipment for their volunteers and paid people or by financing the property to reclaim some of their cash. Since the company is solvent there would be plenty of banks out there that would give them a loan, Purnell said. "It's their decision," he said.

Purnell added later, "There are some fantastic people in that fire company. They put their hearts and souls into

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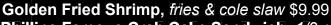
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Further development of Route 50 fire substation questioned

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their jobs every day. Each and every one of them are passionate about restoring the relationship," between the company and the town, he said.

Fitzgerald said the property that had been offered to the fire company for free was not "operationally practical." Free is not always free when one considered the operational practicalities, he said, noting that the location of the leased and purchased properties allowed easier access to Route 50 and Grays Corner Road.

In an Aug. 10 interview, Fitzgerald explained further. He said the fire company keeps two or three pieces of equipment (i.e. engines, trucks, brush trucks, etc.) at the Station #3 building on a two-acre leased property on Route 50 across from the McDonald's. At any given time that equipment is there to be used by fire company members if they receive a fire call while they are outside the town limits, in order to expedite response times, he said.

The property that was offered, Fitzgerald said, was a smaller tract at the rear of the Ocean Landings II commercial property development adjacent to Wal-Mart and Home Depot. It was offered by the developer, he said. But according to Fitzgerald, operationally the property was not in an ideal location to be efficient.

He explained the offered location could result in reduced response times, because fire company personnel would have to cross four lanes of busy Route 50 traffic and maneuver through retail shoppers. Fitzgerald said the discussion about purchasing the Route 50 location had been going on for the past 10 years.

Overall, Fitzgerald said the accounting firm's report was "right on target" and was presented by a person who was very professional. He called it an "un-

biased report" and said he considered it "a compliment to us that we have been prudent in our financial planning." Fitzgerald later said that approximately 60 percent of the ambulance calls the company responds to in a year are within the town limits, as are roughly 45 percent of the fire calls.

He said contributions from Worcester County to the fire company were formula-based on the number of calls responded to and tax assessments. The county's contributions cannot be comingled, he said, and according to the formula are substantially reduced for the calls made within the town limits.

Berlin has a similar system, according to Fitzgerald, to the extent that it makes contributions towards two line items for the fire company, one, line item 1250 was for fire service, the other, line item 1260, was for ambulance service, he said. The \$200,000 amount approved at the town meeting was allocated to line item 1250, he said. There was no transfer to line item 1260, according to Fitzgerald.

He said he would be meeting, first with Fire Chief Marc Brown, and then with the committees and membership of the fire company to discuss options for service changes in operations in light of the reduced funding.

'We're going to have to go back and take a pencil to it," he said, and while he did not have a clear time line for how long that would take, he said it would be "a high priority."

Asked about Fitzgerald's reference to the line item allocations, Williams said there was no restriction on how the fire company should use the money whether for fire service or EMS service, he said.

"That was their decision. There were no strings attached to it whatsoever,"



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Kay and Lanny Hickman win house raffled off by OPVFD

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES-Kay and Lanny Hickman had settled into an active retirement, convinced that a rented home in The Parke was more practical at this point in their lives than the risk of taking on a financially challenging mortgage. That is, until they got the call from Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department President Daniel Healy on Labor Day.

"I went pass the fire hall all the time," Kay said last Thursday. She did not elaborate on what compelled her to stop in and purchase one of the \$100 raffle tickets the fire department was offering during its annual fundraiser in early July. She said she decided on a lark to do it.

Kay said she joked about it with her husband when she came home afterward with the quip, "I bought our house today." The couple had previously owned a condo at the beach where they lived in for 15 years. But they spent three of those years trying to sell it so they could move. With a softened real estate market they found selling the property arduous, although it did finally sell. After that ordeal they decided it would be safer to become renters.

They have been married for 55 years

and felt that at their ages they didn't want to risk being hemmed into another long-term contract. "Aging is not for the faint of heart," Kay said. They had planned to spend the rest of their days at The Parke.

Lanny recalled the day they got the call. They had come from a Labor Day picnic around 6 p.m.

"I went to sit down and have a scotch," he said.

Kay noticed the light was flashing on the answering machine. The first message was an inaudible crackling sound, she said. But what she could make out from the second message stunned her. It was a man who said, "I called to tell you that you won the house."

When they called him back Healy confirmed it, Kay had purchased the winning ticket #1149. They had won the 1,312-square-foot house, plus garage and font porch, at 82 Windjammer Rd.

Both Hickmans said they were taken aback at the news. They stared at each other in silence for a few minutes. Then they shouted in unison "Yeah!" and celebrated.

But then, just to be sure, Lanny called the fire chief for one more double check.

Now the couple is trying to decide Continued on Page 12



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Kay and Lanny Hickman won the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's raffle for a free house, located on Windjammer Road. with ticket #1149.

We're still in shock to some degree, Lanny Hickman says

Continued from Page 11 what to do next.

Last Thursday they were headed off to their banker to explain their good fortune. The most immediate ramification of winning their prize would be that they will owe taxes equal to roughly a third of what the house is worth.

But they view the situation this way: "At our age, if we were to go out and get a new mortgage it would be very difficult," Kay said.

But an obligation to pay just the taxes would be closer to buying a house at roughly a third of its price, especially with no mortgage and no rent payments due. They called The Parke, where they currently live, "a lovely area" for the 55 and older crowd. It has a lot of rules, Kay said, but they have loved living there.

They had a daughter, who owned a house in Roxana, Del. She died a few years ago and after her death they considered moving into the house, but decided against it because they did not want to leave Worcester County. Both are very active socially and politically.

"We do a lot and always have been that way," Kay said.

Kay is the president of the Worcester

County Board of Elections. Lanny is the treasurer of the Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County and chair of the Democratic Club of Ocean City/Assateague. Both are docents at the Rackliffe House Trust, and members of the the Art League of Ocean City and Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.

The next step will be moving in.

"If we are in by Thanksgiving we'll be doing [well]," said Kay. They have one son, who is a taxi driver in Ocean City, and no grandchildren.

"So we don't expect to get inundated with relatives," they said.

She wants to add a kitchen island and a screen door and has already spent one full afternoon measuring. Each have picked out rooms they will use for their respective offices.

Lanny said "We're still in shock to some degree." He pointed out that technically the house is Kay's, since she bought the ticket.

"But she has agreed to let me stay here as well," he chuckled. Last Thursday morning began with them already engaged in conversation with one of their new neighbors, who stopped by to



'Midsummer Night's Dream' comes to Second Friday Art Stroll

Brown Box Theatre Project's performance on Main Street, 7-9 p.m.

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—The featured event of Berlin's September's Second Friday Art Stroll this week will be the Main Street performance of William Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" as performed by the Brown Box Theatre Project from 7-9 p.m.

According to its Web site, "Brown Box is a non-profit theatre company dedicated to providing access to live theatre to communities with little or no access to the medium."

Below are the Art Stroll events as reported by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Baked Dessert: Patti Backer, a Berlin native, says she is inspired by

nature, family, friends, music, food and Wes Anderson movies. She describes her art as a "mixture of folk and lowbrow, sweet and sinister." An alumnus of the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore City, who is self-



Patti Backer

taught in painting anthropomorphic creatures that often have big eyes and

sharp teeth on canvas, wood and furniture.

There will also be a sampling of new craft brews and sustainable wines from 5-8 p.m.

Bruder Hill: Kathy Mumford will be presenting her Barbie series.

The boutique will also host, mixed media musician Ryan Perez, who says he plays "feel good music." Born and raised in North Carolina, he scored a golf scholarship to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa. "I met so many amazing people and I got to travel all over the U.S. to represent UH!" he said on his Facebook page. Uke playing is a given. "There is no other feeling that can compare with playing music and singing your heart out! Tis' a natural high," he says.

Bungalow Love: Hosts work featured at Punk Rock Fish Studio, which is described as representing a blend of originality and alternative imagination that consistently creates interesting pieces of art.

From fine art to custom furniture, unique frames and lighting, the primary focus and challenge is on producing new works with mainly rescued materials, they said, most of the salvaged woods they use have an historical background connected to the Eastern Shore.

Previously located in the Decatur Business Park in West Ocean City, P.R.F. Studio moved to downtown Berlin nearly two years ago.

nspired by Eastern

Shore culture, Punk Rock Fish Studio avoids the typical styles of "beach themed" art and offers an alternative expression to the mainstream.

Jeff Auxer Designs: The working studio will be open to feature noted local artist Jeffrey Auxer's hand blown glass creations. Everything from ornaments and pumpkins to sinks and chandeliers will be on exhibit.

Church Mouse Thrift Shop: The Church Mouse Thrift Shop will be selling several framed posters from previous years Fiddler's Convention. All proceeds will be donated to the Berlin Fire Company in memory of the 343 FDNY members that loss their lives on September 11, 2011.

The Globe: Cast your votes for the "Locals favorite Artist Contest," where seven local artists will display their work for votes to see who scores a solo exhibit of their work in The Globe's Balcony Art Gallery and Lounge. Artists will be submitting up to seven two-dimensional pieces never before displayed at the Globe.

JJ Fish Studio & Fine Crafts Gallery: "The artful pillow" by artist Jude Robinson. A sophisticated melding of original artwork that is combined with vintage fabrics. Robinson said she calls it "Art for the Couch."

Zenna Wellness Studio: "Strange World Photography" will be on display, along with pulp paper artist Kenny Bliss and the youth violinists of Perpetual Commotion.

The Nest: Local artist Geo Mcel-

roy will exhibit her acrylic paintings of wildlife. On her Facebook page she says, "We are so disconnected from nature. When people look at my paintings, I want them to think about the last time they took a walk in the woods."

Refresh Media: Brian Robertson will demonstrate screen printing techniques and sell his poster art. Donations from the sales proceeds will to go to the A&E Committee.

Saltwater Media: Scenic photography by TC Inspirations will be featured.

Worcester County Arts Council: On exhibit in Berlin for one night only, will be "Views of the Eastern Shore," a collaboration of photography and painting by Ron Michaels and Jim Adcock. Michaels, a retired teacher from Chester, Pa., creates photographic images of wild birds and ponies in their habitats, along with watermen, boats, seascapes events and historic architecture.

Adcock is a Baltimore transplant, who has lived on the Shore for more than 30 years and his repertoire includes original art, giclee prints, posters and cartoons. He notes on his Web site, "The beauty of nature is recognized by most of us. But as an artist I find other images just as beautiful. I am referring to images of items, objects, buildings that are familiar to us or each personally. They may evoke a memory or an emotion."

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Artists will display work at Berlin businesses

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The event will take place from 5-8 p.m. and will include complimentary finger food and entertainment by Bruce Lukoskie.

Victorian Charm: Delmarva Art Glass will be on display. Salisbury native and Salisbury University-trained artist Jim Blankenship will show his lampworked borosilicate glass (i.e. Pyrek) creations.

His collection will include, pendants, earrings, and assorted other jewelry, and drink stirrers and wine stoppers.

A frequent exhibitor at Salisbury art events, this will be his first show in Berlin

Maryland Wine Bar at Berlin, Ltd.: The featured artist will be certified graphic artist and screen printer Erick Sahler with his original limitededition serigraphs

According to his Facebook description of his work, "All my artwork is hand printed. For each color, I create a stencil in a high-mesh screen through which ink is "pulled" with a squeegee. Colors are hand printed one sheet of paper at a time, usually working from the lightest to darkest colors, at a rate of two colors per day.

It takes a week or more to complete the printing on most of my editions. While the process is more labor intensive than printing a digital image or giclee, serigraphs are more bold and vibrant than other types of art prints. In addition, small variances in the screenprinting process make each serigraph a unique work of art."

Jewelry artist Bev Harrington will be on hand to exhibit and discuss her collection. Independent vendors will include Kaitlin Sowa, of Sowa Street and painter Kelly Brown.

Sowa creates unique and curious butterfly taxidermy displays and terrarium jewelry.

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Brown, a graphic designer by trade, will be presenting the first showing of her Kelly B. Design Works collection. "I mainly do illustrations of animals, people and children. I also have done paintings of famous scenes, such as the inner harbor of Baltimore," she said. "Understandably, I'm nervous, as it's my first time," she said.

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Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC

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Atlantic General Hospital will be pro-

When rates drop, bond price goes up

Continued from Page 15 percent. The price of the bond declined by a corresponding amount. On the other hand, when interest rates decline, then the price of the bond goes up.

This is good information to know when you see your bond portfolio value change from time to time.

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Information on other health and per-Continued on Page 23



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Local entrepreneurs Eric J. Belardo, front row second from left, Wyatt Harrison, Austin Widdowson, second from podium on right, Steven Bolgiano, and Shaneka Nichols, flank Worcester County Economic Development Director Bill Badger, center. The business owners participated in the Start-Up Maryland tour, whose representatives, in T-shirts, seek to highlight innovative business ideas and entrepreneurs around the state.



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EDITORIAL

Ocean Pines Assoc. Board retreat money well spent

While some wish to make hay about an upcoming off-site Ocean Pines Board retreat, it's not a case of members being flown to the Bahamas for a weeklong drunk fest.

Rather the two-day meetings were scheduled to give the administration a chance to bring newly elected board members up to speed on association governing documents, laws regarding homeowner associations, and understanding how the association financials are put together, including the various reserve accounts and annual audits, along with a tour of all association facilities.

Sure, some can argue that the meetings could have taken place in association meeting rooms. However, as many businesses have found, giving board members and staff the opportunity to focus on a specific agenda for a long period of time can be more productive when conducted off-site by keeping out normal distractions along with helping to form a more cohesive working bond of the group.

Like most board-run organizations, much time is wasted during Ocean Pines' board meetings discussing items over and over as new members get an understanding of how things operate. Providing an opportunity to give board members a better understanding in a once-a-year retreat makes sense and should help keep board meetings and work sessions more on task.

Ocean Pines has suffered for years by having board members who are not clear on association rules, governing regulations, documents, financials and familiarity with the various facilities. So for what will probably be less than \$1,000, these sessions can only be considered money well spent.

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Editor,

The Ocean Pines-Ocean City Kiwanis Club is fast approaching the end of the program year. As a service organization of our community, Kiwanis strives to make a difference in that community. The new year for Kiwanis begins Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014. Again this last year, 2012- 2013, the club has contributed significantly to "Serving the Children of our Community." Beginning with the \$1,200 Priority One contribution to Worcester Gold's Baby Pantry and ending with the \$13,500 in scholarships to Stephen Decatur High School seniors heading off to college, the Club has served our children well.

Support for the schools and the Kiwanis Youth Service clubs within the schools amounted to \$6,850. Additionally, the club contributed \$3,300 to community based youth programs like CASA, Cedar Chapel School, Ocean Pines camp, Ocean City summer camp, the Cub Scouts, OP Children's Theater and the McGuffey Reading Program. Perhaps more important than money, the club donated hundreds of volunteer hours to school art fairs, science fairs, It's Academic, our sponsored school Kiwanis youth service clubs and our sponsored Cub Scouts.

The Kiwanis Club has also played a supporting role in the community, contributing \$2,900 to community support organizations: the OPVFD, the OPA Concerts in the Park, Worcester County Interfaith Caregivers, Diakonia, Worcester Gold Holiday Families, Coastal Hospice and the Appalachian Service Project; plus hundreds of volunteer hours towards Nursing Home bingo, dolls for patients, blood drives, the senior chores program, and the house number signs that assist our first responders on emergency calls day and night.

So, how does all this get done? Through members' volunteer hours and hard work on all of the fundraisers. All of this is paid for by the members' work on pancake breakfasts, hot dog sales, German/Italian dinners, Boardwalk raffles, the annual Duck Race, the Fruit Sales and the weekly donations from our members to Priority One. Of course, it's not all hard work; there is the satisfaction of working together to get these results.

So here comes 2013-2014. The Kiwanis Club is committed to doing this again. But in addition to Kiwanis members, we need friends and neighbors to support, participate and/or join the Kiwanis team and help the club continue these services for the 2013-2014 program year.

Again, we thank our community for its continued support.

Barbara Peletier President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines -Ocean City

———— **NOTICE**THE TINDLEY FESTIVAL FOR 2013 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Allen and Engelhart sworn in during Monday's meeting

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—Newly hired Town Administrator Laura Allen and Planning Director David Engelhart were sworn into their respective offices during the Monday night meeting of the mayor and Town Council.

Allen conducted her first laundry list of purchase order approval requests and Engelhart reported he had held his first meeting as liaison to the Historic District Commission. The commission approved a homeowner's request to expand a breakfast nook and add a garage in the backyard on South Main Street, and signs for Sea La Vie, which is expected to open near North Main Street, at 111 Artisan Way, the site of the former Whimsical Cottage.

Mayor Gee Williams and the council thanked and commended Deputy Administrator Mary Bohlen for serving as interim administrator after the position was vacated by former Administrator Anthony Carson, who resigned at the end of June.

In other business, Oktoberfest is scheduled for Oct. 19 from noon to 7 p.m. and Economic and Development Director Michael Day told the mayor and council this year's format will remain the same as last year's. However, he asked for an expansion of the closure of Main Street to accommodate organizers who will be setting up and breaking down the staging area. He also reminded the officials that a vote to suspend the open container ban for the day was passed in February.

The council unanimously approved Day's request to expand the road closure period of Main Street 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Douglas Richards, inventor of a prototype wind turbine that the town plans to erect at the former Rayne's Sand and Gravel site on Old Ocean City Boulevard, briefed the council on how the implementation phase was proceeding.

He said the project experienced technical setbacks when some of the device's components failed. However, in the process of correcting the problem he said, additional functions were created that led to his company, DDU Magnetics, to acquire a second U.S. patent on the equipment.

The turbine is undergoing testing and Richards predicted installation at the Berlin site could begin mid-October. Once the installation process begins, he told the council, the turbine could be operational and ready to feed electricity into the town's electrical systems within 30 days.

If the experimental direct-drive turbine proves successful, it would be the first of its kind and officials are hoping a benefit of locating the innovation in Berlin would be to attract scientific and technological tourists and interests to the area.

The council also approved a request to extend the contract with URS for engineering services and construction at the Five-Mile Branch Spray Irrigation System in order to allow for the completion of additional work that was needed. The additional work will be allowed to proceed at a cost of \$40,906, and Bohlen, who presented the request, said the need for a second extension of the project was not anticipated.

Day offered proposed Resolution 2013-08, which sought council approval to apply for a \$15,000 technical assistant grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development that could be used to help fund the town's visitor's center.

Acknowledging that final decisions are still forthcoming, he described the request as a preemptive way to get the funding application in the processing pipeline so that it could be included in the projects under consideration when the board makes its decisions next spring.

Bohlen, who also serves as staff liaison for the Parks Commission, submitted proposed Ordinance 2013-06, which was introduced for a first reading by town attorney David Gaskill. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held during the Sept. 23 town council meeting. Bohlen said the ordinance was designed to reorganize and update town code regarding the use and approved activities in the parks. It also included a provision that could allow businesses to conduct certain town-approved activities in the parks if officials choose that as an option.

Public Works Director Mike Gibbons said crews came in on Labor Day to clean the pavilion in Stephen Decatur Park after it was damaged by falling tree limbs when a microburst windstorm hit the area. Thermoplastic road coverings had been recently installed on Jefferson Street.

Health Fair scheduled for Oct. 5

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sonal safety topics will also be available, including the Affordable Care Act/Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program updates. There will also be community health related vendors from the area providing additional screenings and education

New this year will be free flu shots for participants over the age of 13. Atlantic General will be giving flu shots from 8 a.m. to noon during the event.

If you've ever wondered about fitness opportunities in Ocean Pines, come to the

fair for "one stop shopping." What a great opportunity to see the lovely facility and all it has to offer.

You do not have to be an Ocean Pines resident to attend the free event. It is open to everyone and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Dawn Denton at the Community Education office at Atlantic General at 410-641-9268, Rhonda Lasher at Community Relations at Peninsula Regional Medical Center at 410-543-7766 or for vending space call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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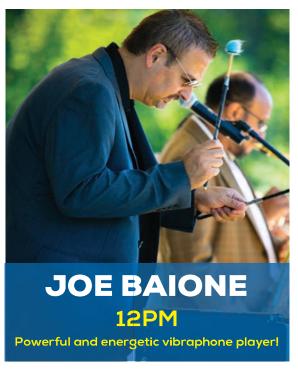
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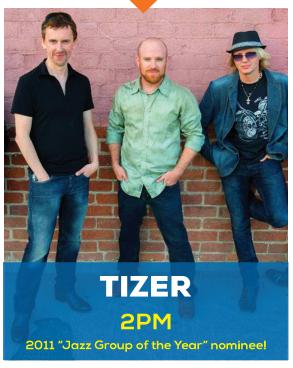


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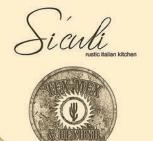






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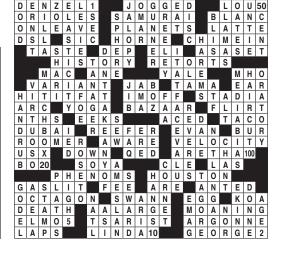
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CALENDAR

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your events are printed. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

OC BIKEFEST — OC BikeFest brings national entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and beverages to the Ocean City Boardwalk, Ocean City convention center and the Inlet. Admission costs \$20 for one-day adult pass, \$25 for adult event pass, \$15 for children ages 13-20 (valid all days of the rally), \$10 for Sunday Family Day adult pass and \$5 for Sunday Family Day children ages 13-20. Info: www.ocbikefest.com.

OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB MEETING -

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Travis Wright, Executive Chef/Owner of The Shark on the Harbor will be speaking about "Cooking with Fresh Herbs." All are welcome. Info: 410-208-2555.

STORY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-208-4014.

GUIDED TOUR OF RACKLIFFE PLANTATION

HOUSE — Special guided tour of Rackliffe Plantation House announcing the Democratic Club of Ocean City/Berlin fall meeting, 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Reservations: 410-600-0552 by Sept. 9. Lunch to follow (Dutch treat) at the Assateague Island Oasis.

OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Speakers and animal friends from the Salisbury Zoo. Numerous travel opportunities for 2013 presented. All persons age 50 and older are welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public, Info: 410-289-3166.

LEARN ABOUT AUSTRALIA JOURNEY WITH PENINSULA PARTNERS — Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 1:30 p.m. A presentation about a 21-day tour of Australia from the outback to the glaciers from March 6 to 26, 2014. To sign up for the presentation or to get more information about the trip, contact Rhonda Lasher at 410-543-7170 or rhonda.lasher@peninsula.org

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

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Ocean City Marlin Club. A competition between the Ocean City Marlin Club and the Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club. No weigh-ins. Italian Night, 6:30-9 p.m. Info: www.ocmarlinclub.com.

BINGO — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

BROWN BOX THEATRE PROJECT OF BOSTON

— Main Street, downtown Berlin, 7 p.m. The group presents a magical interpretation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as its Third Annual Free Shakespeare at the Beach tour. Take a beach chair or blanket. Info: 410-632-2080 or www.brownboxtheatre.org.

BAG SALE — Atlantic United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 for all the summer items you can stuff in a big shopping bag. Info: 410-289-4458.

5TH ANNUAL (SAVE THE...) BREASTFEST -

Pickles Pub, 706 N Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. There will be contests, a 50/50, raffles and entertainment provided by the area's hottest bands. Proceeds benefit the DE Breast Cancer Coalition, who will have a booth at the event accepting donations, giving out informational material and selling T-shirts, coozies and bracelets. Info: www.facebook.com/savethebreastfest.

TWO MAN ART SHOW — Worcester County Arts Council Gallery, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Ron Michaels and Jim Adcock "Views of Eastern Shore," a collaboration of photography and painting. Complimentary wine, finger food and entertainment. Info: 410-726-2440 or 484-467-2465.

FISH DINNER — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Fish Sandwich costs \$4.95 and Fish Platter costs \$7.95 and includes fish sandwich, garden salad, choice of two sides and drink. Eat in or carryout. Bake sale table available. Info: Kathy Davis, 443-235-6761.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

OC BIKEFEST — OC BikeFest brings national entertainment and bands, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and beverages to the Ocean City Boardwalk, Ocean City convention center and the Inlet. Admission costs \$20 for one-day adult pass, \$25 for adult event pass, \$15 for children ages 13-20 (valid all days of the rally), \$10 for Sunday Family Day adult pass and \$5 for Sunday Family Day children ages 13-20. Info: www.ocbikefest.com.

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FALL INDOOR/OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET —

Held 8 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. Advance table fee and reservations required for participants. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation, 410-641-7052.

FAMILY GAME DAY — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 9 a.m. to noon. All ages are welcome to come for those classic board games you loved as a child. Info: 410-957-0878.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP FALL OPEN

HOUSE — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Door prizes and refreshments. Shop features handcrafted home décor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

BAG SALE — Atlantic United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 for all the summer items you can stuff in a big shopping bag. Info: 410-289-4458.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 26. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more.

8TH ANNUAL CRUIZERS FOR CHRIST CAR/BIKE SHOW HARVEST FESTIVAL — Wha-

leyville UMC, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dash plaques to first 50 entries. Registration fee is \$10 for cars, bikes and tractors. There will also be a silent auction, baked goods table, gospel music, scrapple sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and vendors with assorted wares. Info: Elaine Rogers, 410-641-0059 or Barbara Holloway, 410-641-3411.

GERMANTOWN SCHOOL HERITAGE BAN-

QUET — Berlin Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m. Honoring the school's alumni and sole surviving teacher, Josephine Anderson. Guest speaker is Dr. Clara L. Small, a Professor at Salisbury University. She is renowned for her knowledge of African American history. Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased by calling 410-641-0638. Reservations available until Sept. 7. Proceeds help maintain the newly renovated historical building.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL — Bishopville United Methodist Church (side lot), 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, 1-7 p.m. Music featuring: The Island Boys, Jerry Jones, Barefoot & Free and The Bishopville Praise Team. Also, games, moon bounce, face painting and more.

Admission is free. Food, desserts and drinks available for purchase. Info: 410-352-3626.

CLAM AND CHOWDER PICNIC — White Horse Park Pavilion, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, noon to 4 or 5 p.m. Reservations: Frank Watkins, 410-641-5444. Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Boat Club.

FALL FLEA MARKET — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to noon. A fundraiser for Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women. To donate items or for information, contact Mary Stover at 410-726-1795.

PARADISE ON THE POCOMOKE GALA -

Friendship Farm, 6-10 p.m. Tickets include two complimentary drinks, heavy hors d'oeurves, live entertainment and dancing under the stars on the banks of the Pocomoke River. Tickets cost \$65 per person, \$120 per couple or \$600 per table of 10. Proceeds benefit the Delmarva Discovery Center. Info: 410-957-9933 or www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING -

Ocean Pines library, 1.1107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Silleck, who leads outreach for Pew Charitable Trusts' Mid-Atlantic Forage Fish Conservation work, will be speaking on behalf of the Herring Alliance. Ken Comfort, service manager for North Bay Marine, will speak about "boat maintenance". Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

OCEAN PINES PLATFORM TENNIS PRO AM —

Competing in this event will be ranked players from the Philadelphia and Wilmington areas and Ocean Pines players, 1-5 p.m. The public is invited.

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET — Wor-Wic Community College, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, 8 a.m. to noon. Crafts, collectibles and antiques. Hot dogs, baked goods and drinks. An 18x20 foot space is available for \$15. Vendors should take their own tables. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Space reservations: Ellen Wallace: 410-334-2906.

WESTERN EVENING — Community Church at Ocean Pines, Fellowship Hall, 11227 Racetrack Road, 6 p.m. Featuring The Lone Ranger & Gunsmoke. Also, Miss Kitty's Singing Saloon Girls plus a demonstration by the Pinesteppers. Cost is \$10 and includes a chili dinner with dessert and a drink. Proceeds benefit the church. Tickets: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

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CALENDAR

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BUS TRIP TO MOUNT HOPE ESTATE & WIN-

ERY — Held 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pre-registration and payment required for this event. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation, 410-641-7052.

OCEAN PINES PLATFORM TENNIS PRO AM -

A demonstration match by the pros, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

WII BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS — Held 4 p.m. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation, 410-641-7052.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

HAND DANCING — House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free lessons from 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

MUSEUM OPEN — Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, 11413 Worcester Highway, near the intersection of routes 589 and 113, will be open every Monday, through the end of October, from 1-4 p.m. Info: www.historicstmartinschurch.org.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-641-0650.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. For ages 3-5 years. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) on Wheels Program encourages children's natural curiosity in the early years to build the groundwork for later STEM learning. Topic is "Simple Machines." Info: 410-957-0878.

OCEAN PINES PLANT CLINIC — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m., through September. Expert Master Gardeners on hand to answer questions. Free clinic. Take bagged samples and label the bag with name and phone number. Info: 410-641-5570.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER DEMENTIAS FAMILY EDUCATION WORKSHOP —

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, 6-8 p.m. Free and open to the public. A power point presentation which was developed by nationally recognized Alzheimer's Disease experts. Refreshments provided. RSVP: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123. Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11.107 Cathell Road, 5-6:30 p.m. Women of all

ages are invited to attend. The group seeks volunteers for short-term assignments. Info: Donna Main. 410-632-5040.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-524-1818.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING —

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

RETIRED NURSES OF OCEAN PINES MEET-

ING — Ocean Pines library, 11.107 Cathell Road, 3 p.m. Featured speaker will be Alice Paterra, Librarian at Ocean Pines library. All welcome. A 50-50 raffle to benefit nursing scholarship will be held. Info: 410-208-4014.

SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP —

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jessespaddle.org.

HOLLY CENTER AUXILIARY CANTEEN BOU-

TIQUE OPEN — Holly Center Auxiliary Canteen Boutique, 926 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fill a bag for \$5. Food items and baked goods also available. Gently used donations appreciated. Info: Marlina Belote, 410-572 6204

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

SUNFEST — Ocean City's Inlet Lot and beach, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Music, food and an array of arts and crafts. Nationally known and regionally popular entertainers. All entertainment is free with the exception of the headline acts. Jesse Garron's Tribute to Elvis will perform at 8 p.m. Cost is \$5-\$10. Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com, 800-551-7328 or at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center Box Office. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: 800-626-2326.

SUNFEST KITE FESTIVAL — Ocean City beach from Third to Sixth streets. Master kite flyers from around the world showcase their aerial

displays of art. Kite making workshops and kite battles. Info: Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855 or www.kiteloft.com.

9TH ANNUAL SANDCASTLE HOME TOUR — Ten homes in the Ocean City area will be featured in the self-guided tour. Proceeds to benefit the new Ocean City Center for the Arts. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets cost. \$30. Info: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

STORY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-208-4014.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Celebrate National "Talk Like a Pirate Day" by talking like a pirate. Wear a pirate costume or say your favorite pirate phrase while you hunt for treasure to win some pirate booty. Info: 410-641-0650.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway,

9:45 a.m. After the business meeting, members will create a stamped sweatshirt for the cost of \$3. Take fresh or silk fall leaves. All residents of Ocean Pines and surrounding communities invited.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

5TH ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW

LUNCHEON — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., program begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30. Fashions by Crazy Ladyz. Reservations: Sandy Fennell, 410-202-8688 or sandyfen57@yahoo.com. This year the Republican Women of Worcester County will be recognizing the patriotic role of the men and women of family and friends in Worcester County who are currently serving as members of the United States Armed Forces. The group seeks the public's help in gathering these names. Contact Barbara Loffler, RWWC Americanism chair with this information or if you have any questions, at 410-208-0890 or barbloffler@aol.com

ONGOINGEVENTS

ART EXHIBIT — Ocean Pines library, 11107
Cathell Road, through November. The September/October Artist of the Month is Judy Benton.
She is an abstract and realistic painter who is a multi-media artist. Artist Spotlight Exhibit features
Stasia Heubeck and George Hamaty. These two artists paint together in the traditional method and are known as the "Classic Two." Both are classically trained. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

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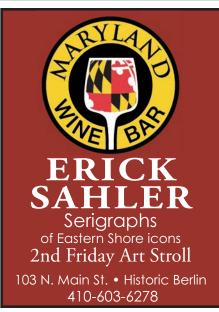


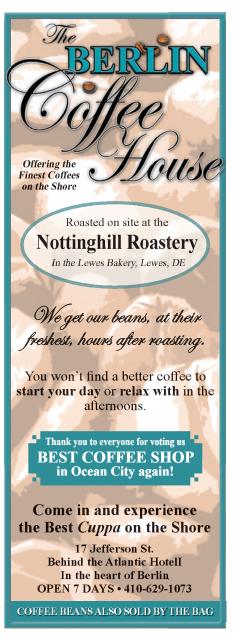
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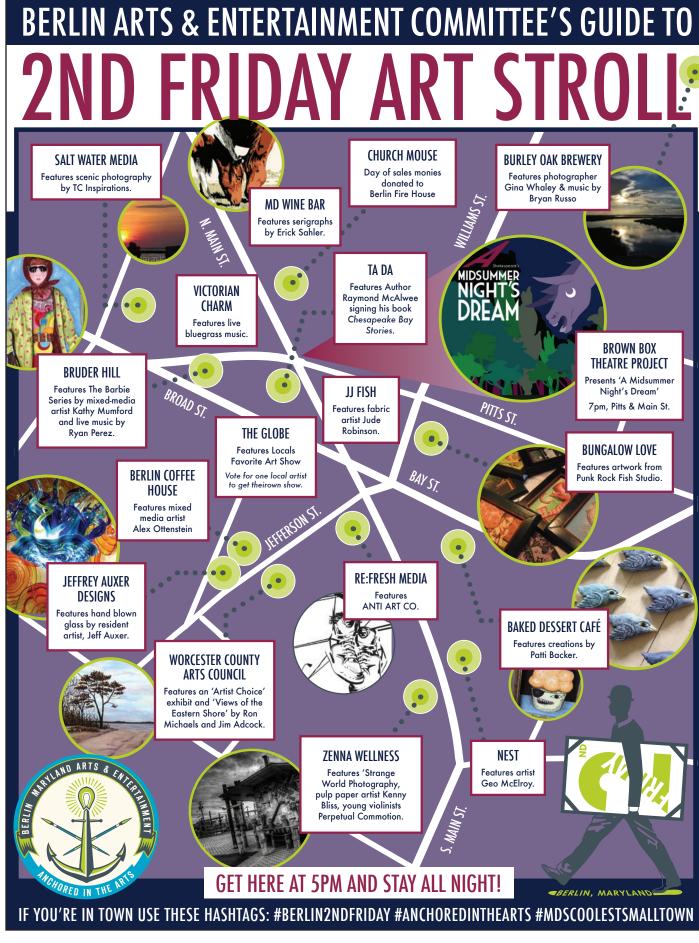
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■ BJ's on the Water 75th St. Bayside, Ocean City

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Clarion Resort
 101st St. Oceanside, Ocean City
 OCEAN CLUB -

THURSDAY - SUNDAY - Power Play MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - Power Play



Opposite Directions @ Fager's Island

■ Fager's Island 60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Kevin Poole / Band Impossible SATURDAY – Opposite Directions / Animal House SUNDAY – Everett Spells MONDAY – Kevin Poole

■ Galaxy 66 66th St. Bayside, Ocean City FRIDAY – Philly George

Skye Bar66th St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Rick Artz from Love-Seed Mama-Jump SATURDAY – Jordan White

Harborside Bar & Grill
 12841 S. Harbor Rd., West Ocean City

THURSDAY – Opposite Directions FRIDAY – DJ Billy T SATURDAY – Simple Truth SUNDAY – Opposite Directions

Harpoon Hannas142nd St. Bayside, Fenwick Island

THURSDAY – John LaMere FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins SATURDAY – Dave Sherman SUNDAY – Kevin Poole WEDNESDAY – Bobby Burns Jive
 83rd St. Bayside, Ocean City
 FRIDAY - Bryan Clark
 SATURDAY - Old School

M.R. Ducks311 Talbot St., Ocean City

THURSDAY – Tranzfusion FRIDAY – Dockta D SATURDAY – Pepper Street SUNDAY – Doctor Harmonica



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 THURSDAY- Fuzzbox Piranha

FRIDAY & SATURDAY- Surreal

■ Schooners/Princess Royale 91st St., Ocean City

FRIDAY – Harry O SATURDAY – Harry O

Sunset Grille12933 Sunset Ave., West OC

THURSDAY – Doug Segree FRIDAY – Opposite Directions SUNDAY – Community Groove



Jah Works @ Seacrets

Seacrets49th & the Bay, Ocean City

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AYSIDE GAZETTE

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The loyalty of dogs never ceases to amaze. Regardless of the situation, they are there to welcome you home after a



By Paul Suplee, **CEC PCIII**

Our Sadie has grown grumpy towards us around bedtime staying friendly to new

during the day.

She plays the pup at the beach and yard and loves to go on runs. But when the sun goes down, she whimpers and moans, signifying that it is time to go to bed. There is no mistaking her desire to cut her losses and move things along to her dog bed in the master bedroom. Funny thing is, she likes us to be up there with her. She's like another kid.

For the time being she lays on her dog bed in the TV room, ever so slightly growling as she shifts and stirs. On the evenings that she opts for the couch she stretches far and wide. At 80 pounds, it is a simple feat to fill a cushion or two. But then just try to lay a finger on her. She will break out the grumpy old troll as quickly as you can try to pet her. So we pet her anyway to let her know that she's not going to get away with that.

I guess we all get that way after a hard day of work. I mean, imagine being a dog; walking, running, playing, eating and sleeping. What a horrible life that must be. No wonder she's getting surly.

Now don't get me wrong. She is the greatest dog we have ever owned. She is smart, talented and awkwardly humorous in that Golden Doodle way. It just doesn't matter how mad she might get at us for taking our time in getting to bed, she is just a funny dog. And I can't lie. Sometimes I feel the inklings of irritation sink in as I get tired. Do I get grumbly? Sure, on occasion. It is but nature reminding us that we all need a little sleep now and then.

So after an awfully long day at work all I can think of is relaxing and getting some shuteye. A full meal simply is too much. The family has already eaten, I'm not that hungry and a simple plate of meat and cheese will suffice; of course with a few Castelvetrano olives thrown in for good measure.

Castelyetrano olives are probably the



finest little nuggets of joy ever placed on our green earth. I still have not been able to ascertain the nature of their neon green glow, but I don't care. They have the subtle nuance of pure umami, the Japanese term, which indicates neither sweet nor sour nor salty nor bitter. Just imagine the 'sensation' of shiitake mushrooms, young asparagus or unsweetened tomato and you'll understand.

And now, with a few chunks of salume, some fresh sourdough bread doused in olive oil and balsamic glaze and some olives, I am ready for bed. And so is Sadie.

Meat 'n Cheese. Oh, and Castelvetranos!

perfect for three people 4 ounces log Soppressata 4 ounces Parmesan or Dry Cheddar* As many Castelvetranos as you can eat! Hot & Fresh Sourdough loaf EV Olive Oil, as needed Balsamic Goo (Recipe follows) Salt & Pepper, as desired Plate up Serve up Eat up

*I know that this breach of etiquette (English cheese with this classically Italian meat stick) is an abomination to most high-brow diners, but they go so very well together that I just don't mind recommending the pair. Consider it similar to a pairing of a fine Burgundy with a 80/20 ribeye hamburger.

Balsamic Goo*

makes 1 cup

1 quart White grape juice (no artificial sweeteners)

3/4 cup Balsamic vinegar

This step is very important: Take your time!

Place the grape juice in a sauce pan and place on a low heat and bring to a

Allow the juice to reduce in half and then add the balsamic vinegar

Continue to reduce until the sauce is

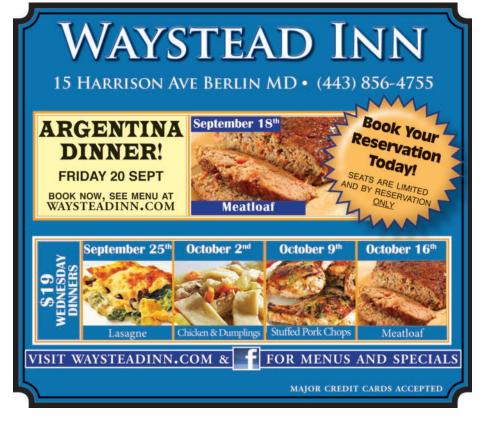
starting to thicken

Place a plate in the refrigerator and when chilled, test the hot glaze on the plate to see how much it thickens as it cools

Remove from the heat and chill until ready to use

If you want to bypass steps 1 through 6, simply purchase Blaze brand balsamic glaze

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.





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